

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C.

§121:

Group I: Claims 1-32 and 42 drawn to a laser system comprising a gain medium, a stimulated Brillouin scattering SBS mirror system, a relay telescope, and a baffle.

Group II: Claims 33-41 drawn to a method of amplifying a laser pulse.

Applicants elect Species I for prosecution on the merits in this application. The following is a listing of all claims readable on the elected species:

1 through 32, inclusive; and 42.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at (650) 712-0340.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee determined to be due in connection with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (MICI 1002-3).

Respectfully submitted,

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